

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The airing of this "documentary" is in direct violation of their responsibilities. It is an illegal, undocumented contribution to the Republican party, and clearly shows the basic hypocrisy of their earlier decision to refuse to air Koppel's reading of the names of our American casualties of the war in Iraq (the argument was that this was a purely political statement).

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.